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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1163

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ICRC RH
SUBJ: ICRC APPEAL IN RHODESIAN CONFLICT

REF: A. STATE 34955, B. GENEVA 832

1. ICRC DELEGATE GENERAL FOR AFRICA (SCHMIDT) TOLD MISSOFF IN CONFIDENCE TODAY, SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING THIS NOT BE PASSED OUTSIDE OUR OFFICIAL FAMILY, THAT ICRC HAS RECEIVED NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT, REACTION OR ANSWER PRIVATELY OR PUBLICLY TO ITS APPEAL OF JANUARY 14 (REF B) FROM THE FOUR ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THE APPEAL, BUT DID NOT RESPOND. OBVIOUSLY THERE HAVE BEEN NO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE MATTER BY ANY OF THE PARTIES.

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2. SCHMIDT REPORTED THAT ICRC NOW MAINTAINS THREE DELEGATES IN SALISBURY (REPORT PARA 4, BELOW, INDICATES THERE MAY BE FOUR), AND A REGULAR DELEGATION IN LUSAKA. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED FINAL AGREEMENT FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, ICRC HOPES TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN PRETORIA WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, AND WISHES VERY MUCH TO PLACE

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A DELEGATION IN MOZAMBIQUE. SINCE 1959 ICRC HAS
VISITED POLITICAL DETAINEES IN RHODESIA/ZIMBABWE WHO,
ACCORDING TO REPORT CITED BELOW, NOW NUMBER 800.
VISITS ARE MADE AT SIX-MONTH INTERVALS. ICRC HAS
PENDING REQUEST WITH RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT TO VISIT
PRISONERS CAPTURED WHILE BEARING ARMS.

3. SCHMIDT REACTED POSITIVELY TO QUERY CONCERNING
POSSIBLE WESTERN SUPPORT FOR APPEAL, SAYING IT WOULD
BE "USEFUL" AND A "GOOD THING." HE VOICED HOPE
THAT A FAVORING STATEMENT AND PRESS RELEASE MIGHT
BE FORTHCOMING.

4. COINCIDENTAL WITH RECEIPT OF REF A, MISSION
RECEIVED ADVANCE COPY OF ICRC'S SITREP NO 1
DATED FEB 14, "REPORT ON ICRC ACTIVITIES
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA," COVERNING ITS WORK TO DATE AND
PLANS IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. MISSION
AIRPOUCHING COPY TODAY TO DEPARTMENT D/HA, REG NO 2616119.
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